

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 240 – SB 489

February 27, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) to assist and contract with local governmental entities for the purposes of developing reentry programs to effectively reduce recidivism rates. Authorizes counties to enter into interlocal agreements for the joint development or operation of a transition center. Takes effect January 1, 2022.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT.

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by the TBR, TBR currently works with local governmental entities to establish re-entry programs in partnerships with local jails. Such programs are typically funded through local partnerships and utilizing Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act funding.
- The proposed language will not require additional funding or programs to be established, but will codify the current practice of the TBR and participating local governments; therefore, any increase in state or local expenditures for such development of re-entry programs is considered not significant.
- Any action taken by a county to contract with the state to house state convicted felons in a transition center or to participate in offering such programs is permissive.
- The proposed legislation may result in an increase in local government expenditures with an equal corresponding increase in local revenue for jointly developed transition centers.
- The net impact to local government resulting from authorizing a county to enter into an interlocal agreement for the joint development or operation of a transition center is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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